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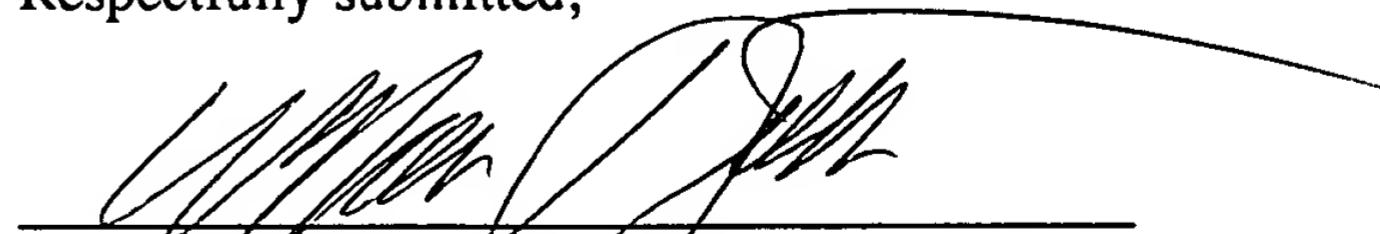
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Enclosed are formal drawings in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed March 2, 2001. A copy of the Notice is also enclosed. No new subject matter has been added. The drawings have merely been formalized.

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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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